

acetate copolymers, resin bonded polyester, thermally bonded polypropylenes, spun bonded polypropylene and needle punched polypropylene.

17. (new) A substantially dry disposable flexible article according to claim 16 wherein said first and second thermoplastic nonwoven layers are the same.
18. (new) A substantially dry disposable flexible article according to claim 1 wherein said core layer is composed of a member selected from the group consisting of cellulose and needle punch polypropylene.

Remarks

Inadvertently in the Amendment of August 21, 2003, claim 14 drawn to a method was submitted as a product claim. This was not intended. It is noted that claims 14 and 15 are both withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

It is respectfully requested that the amended application now be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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